

**SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2021**

Present: Peggy Schneider, Candy Moore, Wayne Eichelkraut, Jani Eichelkraut, Heidi Eisert, Jim Reilly

Absent: Sherra Blakely and Michael Dougherty.

Guests: Amanda Weygand and Francie Scoflanc, downtown businesswomen.

In the absence of the chairman, Wayne conducted the meeting as chairman pro tem.

Minutes: On a motion by Jim and a second by Candy, minutes of the March 2021 meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Just over \$15,300 has been spent of the \$33,000 originally allocated to SEC, supporting two events: Music in the Park 2020 and the Festival of Lights Deck the Park event. Spending on each of those events was some \$1,900 under what had been allocated toward winter and music activities. Some \$17,600 remained unspent as we entered the new budget year.

Action: On a motion by Jim and second by Jani, the financial report was approved.

Funding Request:

Amanda Weygand requested \$1,000 for children’s activities as part of the two-year-old Third Friday artisan market. The money would be spent on art supplies for children’s projects over the season’s six markets, as well as cover costs to pay an individual to run/maintain the children’s station each month.

Wayne reminded Amanda and Francie that the city this year is offering to share costs of Music in the Streets – pop-up concerts hosted by downtown restaurants, pubs or businesses. The entertainment would serve to drive traffic to local dining and brew establishments. The concerts mark a change in summer activities in Ottawa.

Action: On a motion by Candy and a second by Jim, the committee authorized an allocation of up to \$1,000 for children’s activities at the Third Friday market this summer.

New Business:

Music in the Park: Peggy reported that another band will be substituted for the Meteors, which has canceled all dates because of a bandmate’s illness. Replacing them will be Bopology, a jazz/standards band that played at Music in the Park two years ago. The cost for the evening’s entertainment will remain \$1,400.

Music in the Streets: Special Events will oversee allocations to applicants for Music in the Streets, Wayne reported.

Friendship Days: In lieu of Riverfest, since many major festivals are still restricted by covid guidelines, a smaller celebration will take place July 29, 30 and 31. Activities include a fishing rodeo, dance demonstrations, music and a Venetian Boat Parade. There won’t be a marching

parade this year, nor a beer garden/Taste of Ottawa. The annual book sale will take place that weekend, as will Art in the Park, though a weekend later.

Adjournment: 6:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider